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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the present form PTO/SB/08a are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge after making a reasonable inquiry, that the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

☐ I. Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d); Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application; Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

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The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be a representation that a search has been conducted, nor shall it be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The undersigned has not submitted copies of the above cited U.S. Patent Documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. As required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), the undersigned submits herewith copies of the above cited Foreign Patent Documents and Non-Patent Literature Documents.

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) - (If Applicable)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his/her knowledge after making a reasonable inquiry, that:

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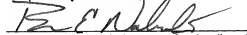
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the present form PTO/SB/08 with the Examiner's initials or other appropriate marks indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,


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